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1977: EC DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC COMMITMENT

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 13812; (B) BRUSSELS 12500; (C) EC
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1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM PERM REP SOURCES THAT THE
EC FOREIGN MINISTERS REACHED AN INFORMAL CONSENSUS DURING
THEIR OCTOBER 7-8 RETREAT (REF A) THAT A DECLARATION
ON CONTINUING DEMOCRATIC COMMITMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY
THE COMMUNITY, ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION
(REF B). OUR SOURCES SAY THE MINISTERS AGREED ONLY THAT
SUCH A DECLARATION SHOULD BE ISSUED AT "AN APPROPRIATE
MOMENT" AND THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN REGARDING
WHETHER IT SHOULD BE ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS OR AT SOME OTHER TIME.
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2. COMMISSION HAS NOT YET PROPOSED A DECLARATION TEXT,
BUT OUR SOURCES TELL US THE MINISTERS AGREED IT SHOULD
BE BASED ON THREE EXISTING DOCUMENTS: (1) THE PREAMBLE
TO THE ROME TREATY; (2) THE DECLARATION ON "EUROPEAN
IDENTITY" ISSUED BY THE DECEMBER 1973 EC SUMMIT MEETING
IN COPENHAGEN (SEE TEXT BELOW); AND (3) THE JOINT

DECLARATION WHICH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, EC COUNCIL, AND EC COMMISSION SIGNED IN LUXEMBOURG APRIL 5, 1977 ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (REF C). UPON COMPLETION OF TEXTUAL DRAFTING BY THE COMMISSION, THE PROPOSED DECLARATION IS TO BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL.

3. OUR SOURCES FURTHER INDICATE THAT, ALSO IN LINE WITH COMMISSION VIEWS (REF B), MOST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT ANY EVENTUAL DECLARATION SHOULD BE INCORPORATED, EITHER IN FULL OR BY REFERENCE, IN THE ACCESSION TREATIES BRINGING FUTURE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE COMMUNITY.

4. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF FRENCH TEXT OF DECEMBER 1973 COPENHAGEN DECLARATION:

BEGIN TEXT:

DESIRING TO ASSURE RESPECT FOR THE JURIDICAL, POLITICAL, AND MORAL VALUES TO WHICH THEY ARE ATTACHED, CONCERNED ABOUT PRESERVING THE RICH VARIETY OF THEIR NATIONAL CULTURES, SHARING A COMMON CONCEPTION OF LIFE BASED UPON WILL TO BUILD A SOCIETY CONCEIVED AND CARRIED OUT IN THE SERVICE OF MANKIND, THEY (I.E., EC MEMBER STATES) INTEND TO PROTECT THE PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE
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DEMOCRACY, OF THE RULE OF LAW, OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - THE RESULTS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH CONSTITUTE THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY. THE NINE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS UNDERTAKING CORRESPONDS TO THE DEEP ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR PEOPLE AND SHOULD BE PURSUED WITH THEIR PARTICIPATION, NOTABLY BY THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES... THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION UNDERTAKEN BY THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY IS OPEN TO OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS WHICH SHARE THE SAME IDEALS AND THE SAME OBJECTIVES. END TEXT.
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